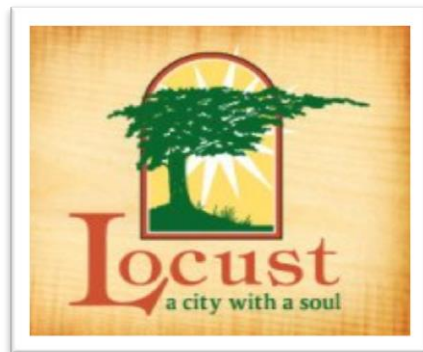




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Welcome to all of our readers to the March 2015 edition of the Locust Police Department Community Newsletter. Spring is rapidly approaching, which is bringing a huge smile to my “sun hungry” wife’s face. Warmer weather brings with it the opportunities for more outdoor activities, yard projects, and vacations to places both sunny and sandy. As a law enforcement officer however, you learn that warmer weather also brings with it elevated criminal activity, but we will continue to combat and prevent the best we possibly can. This month’s newsletter will be very brief containing just a stat summary, some department news, and last month’s statistics. There have been some changes at our department with a few more to come. Nothing negative has occurred, just some changes in the department that are noteworthy that I’ll update you on in April’s edition. I personally have had a hectic last couple of months which is part of the reason this edition will be super brief. So without further, let’s get started with this month’s newsletter...

**LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENTAL “STATS” FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

Department “stats” for the month of February 2015 can be found directly following the newsletter. Last month was a very unique one for the department. January ended with a pursuit that resulted in an arrest but also a wrecked patrol car and another patrol car damaged. This resulted in a few of our officers playing “musical cars” for some of the month while others still remain in different vehicles for the time being. I spent the first two weeks of February in Salemburg at the NC Justice Academy participating in an 80 hour Crime Scene Investigation class. One of the weeks I was in Salemburg we had another officer attending RADAR operator school as well. The rest of the month we also had several officers catch the various bugs going around resulting in multiple lost shifts. During these times, we assure the city is adequately covered however it does often result in one less patrol officer for the shift affected. These absences for training and sickness likely explain why some of the statistics last month appear down from our typical average.

Total incident types/offenses for February were 125, down from the 148 the previous month, and completed incident reports were down eight to 118. Looking at the numbers, the great news is that despite being down some officers at different times of the month, there were no increases in “trouble” calls that warrant additional concern and everything still appeared around average.

One of the most glaring numbers that was affected due to officers absent was the 1,399 business and neighborhood checks for the month, quite a bit lower than our typical monthly average. This number still equates to an average of 50 area patrols daily.

There were 23 arrest charges for the month, a number that is slightly higher than average for typical months. Five of the charges were for misdemeanor larceny and four each were for failure to appear warrants and assault on a female.

Another number that speaks to the absence of patrol officers throughout the month were the 69 citation charges issued when our typical average is in the low 100's. 79 additional traffic stops resulted in warnings issued.

Finally, 11 traffic crashes were reported in February, with seven being reported on Locust streets and highways. Two of those seven however were due to those pesky deer that tend to venture out on the highway from time to time. Thankfully no injuries to the drivers were reported in those cases. Unfortunately their vehicles and the deer involved were not as lucky.

### LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Several Locust officers recently completed training to further their education and knowledge while performing their duties, or to certify them for areas of specialization within the department.

I am unsure if I previously mentioned this accomplishment, but Officer Brittany Tucker completed a 40 hour Field Training Officer course in early December. This course known as an "FTO" certification class teaches officers how to effectively train new hires to ready them for the responsibilities of a patrol officer. Every new hire is usually paired with two separate FTO's over a four month period to learn how to perform their duties correctly, ethically, and efficiently. These FTO's have to sign off on the new hire before they are "cut loose" to be on their own. Officer Tucker joins Sergeant Rick Crayton, Sergeant Steven Smith, and Officer Kevin O'Connor as certified FTO's currently in the department's patrol division.

Officer Tucker along with Officers T.J. Smith and Brandon Stancil also re-certified as RADAR operators with the department over the last two months. This re-certification is mandatory with North Carolina every three years to assure officers can still efficiently approximate vehicle speeds, use RADAR units correctly, and know the laws and functions associated with RADAR proficiently. All three officers successfully re-certified to be RADAR operators for the next three years.

Another Locust officer joined the department's ranks of certified RADAR operator as Officer Trent Middlebrooks completed the initial RADAR operator course in early February. With Officer Middlebrooks' certification, every current Locust patrol officer is RADAR certified.

As I've previously stated, I completed an 80 hour Crime Scene Investigation class in February. This course covered all aspects of crime scene investigation including evidence recovery, photography, scene sketching etc. I also completed a 16 hour Advanced Interview and Interrogation course in mid-March, furthering my previous completion of the 40 hour Basic Interview and Interrogation course. Both courses were taught by Mr. Don Rabon, former law enforcement officer, Justice Academy assistant director, and accomplished author. Mr. Rabon has published five books on the art of interviewing suspects and witnesses in criminal activity. He is not only a very entertaining instructor but also supremely knowledgeable in the field.

**\*\*\*\* A REMINDER TO PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF YOUR VEHICLES AND LOCK YOUR VEHICLES AT NIGHT WHEN YOU ARE HOME. UNLOCKED VEHICLE BREAK-INS CONTINUE TO SPORADICALLY OCCUR IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THESE CRIMES ARE EASILY PREVENTABLE BY LOCKING YOUR DOORS AND NOT HAVING ENTICING VALUABLES THAT POTENTIAL THIEVES CAN SEE IN YOUR VEHICLES. \*\*\*\***

All of us at the Locust Police Department wish you continued success and safety.  
God bless all of you; take care of yourselves and each other.  
(February 2015 Stats Follow Next Page)

# LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

FEBRUARY 2015

## INCIDENTS/OFFENSES

Note – Total incident reports generated number will be lower than number of offenses/incidents listed. This is due to there being multiple offenses within one report on some occasions. Incident reports are generally documented when any interaction with the public or an enforcement action is made on a dispatched call.

Escorts Provided (General, Business Closing, Child Custody Exchange, Funeral) – 26  
Assist EMS/Fire Department – 20  
Larceny From Business (Misdemeanor, Felony, Concealment) – 10  
Alarm Calls (Business, Residential) – 9  
Calls For Service (Various Community Service Reasons, Animal Complaints, Etc.) – 6  
Investigation Calls (General, 911 Hang-Ups, Suicide Threats, Open Doors, Etc.) – 6  
Mutual Aid Given (Help Given To Other Agencies) – 5  
Suspicious Activity (Activities, Vehicles, Persons) – 5  
Vehicle Traffic Violations (Resulting In Other Charges, Arrests, Vehicle Towed, Etc.) – 5  
Assaults (Simple, Affray, Domestic, Etc.) - 4  
Assist Motorist (Stranded, Keys Locked In Vehicle, Tire, Etc.) – 4  
Counterfeiting/Fraud (Forgery, Obtain By False Pretense, Identity Theft, Etc.) – 4  
Damage To Property Calls (Residential, Business, Vehicle, Minor Vehicle Crashes) – 4  
Disturbances (General, Domestic) – 4  
Drug Offenses (Citations, Arrests) – 4  
Arrest Warrants/Processes Served (Failure To Appear, Subpoenas Etc.) – 3  
B& E/Larceny Residence Or From Person (Attempt, Misdemeanor, Felony, Larceny After B&E) – 2  
Alcohol Charges (All Other) – 1  
Driving While Impaired (Alcohol, Illegal Substances, Provisional, Drive After Consuming, Etc.) – 1  
Harassment (Phone Calls, Communicating Threats, Etc.) – 1  
Property Calls (Lost, Found) – 1

City Ordinance Violation Calls/Investigations – 0  
Death Investigation (Non-Criminal, Unattended Death, Suicide, Etc.) – 0  
Direct/Serious Larceny From Business/Person (Common Law, Armed Robbery, Etc.) – 0  
Illegal Activity (Resist, Delay, Obstruct, Vehicle Pursuits, All Other) – 0  
Juvenile Violations (Juvenile Offenses, Contributing To Delinquency, Etc.) – 0  
Larceny From/Of Vehicle (Misdemeanor, Felony, B&E, Motor Vehicle Theft, Etc.) – 0  
Missing Persons (Reported, Found) – 0  
Sex Offenses (Attempted Or Completed Rape, Indecent Liberties, Crimes Against Nature, Etc.) – 0  
Trespassing (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Domestic Etc.) – 0  
Vandalism (Defacement, Arson, Etc.) – 0  
Weapons Offenses (Unlawful Carry Concealed, Possession Firearm By Felon, Etc.) – 0

**TOTAL OFFENSES – 125**

**INCIDENT REPORTS GENERATED – 118**

**AVERAGE DAILY INCIDENT REPORTS DOCUMENTED – 4.2**

## AREA PATROLS/CHECKS

Business Checks – 733  
Neighborhood Checks – 662  
House Checks – 2  
Suspicious Vehicles – 2

**TOTAL AREA/SECURITY CHECKS – 1399**  
**DAILY AREA/SECURITY CHECKS AVERAGE – 50**

## ARRESTS/OFFENSE CHARGES/COUNTS

Misdemeanor Larceny – 5  
Assault On A Female – 4  
Failure To Appear – 4  
Driving While Impaired – 3  
Felony Larceny – 2  
Probation Violation – 2  
Driving While License Revoked – 1  
Felony Possession Schedule VI – 1  
Second Degree Trespass – 1

**TOTAL ARREST CHARGES – 23**  
**DAILY JAIL COMMIT ARREST CHARGES AVERAGE - 0.8**

## CITATIONS

Speeding – 35  
Driving While License Revoked – 9  
Expired Registration – 5  
Misdemeanor Larceny – 3  
Careless/Reckless Driving – 2  
Lane Violations – 2  
No Operator's License – 2  
Possess Open Container Alcohol In Motor Vehicle – 2  
Allow Unlicensed To Drive – 1  
Driving While Impaired – 1  
Failure To Yield Right Of Way – 1  
Other Charges – 1  
Possess Drug Paraphernalia – 1  
Simple Possession Schedule VI (Marijuana) – 1  
Speeding In School Zone – 1

**TOTAL – 69**  
**DAILY CITATION CHARGES ISSUED AVERAGE – 2.5**

**DOCUMENTED TRAFFIC STOPS WITH WARNINGS ISSUED – 79**

## TRAFFIC CRASHES

Crashes Reported – 11

Street Or Highway - 7

- Main Street/Central Avenue Intersection – 2
- West Main Street/Renee Ford Road Intersection (Hit & Run)
- In Front Of 716 Renee Ford Road (Deer)
- Meadowcreek Church Road In Front Of Twin Oaks Circle (Deer)
- West Main Street Near 1718 West Main Street
- West Main Street In Front Of West Main Plaza

Parking Lot (Public Vehicular Area) - 4

- 12474 NC 24/27 Highway (Providence Church) (Vehicle Vs. Building)
- 1004 West Main Street (Food Lion)
- 1050-A West Main Street (Dominos) (Hit & Run)
- 1876 West Main Street (Wal-Mart)

TOTALS

TOTAL MONTHLY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES  
(INCIDENTS/INVESTIGATIONS, CHARGES, CITATIONS, WARNINGS, AREA CHECKS,  
TRAFFIC CRASHES)

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\*EXCLUDED – DISPATCHED CALLS THAT DO NOT RESULT IN A REPORT GENERATED\*  
MONTHLY DAILY ACTIVITIES AVERAGE

\*EXCLUDING ABOVE\*

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